and 1967, respectively. Since the natural pearl oyster beds were poor in pearl oyster stocks, this fishery has not been allowed in subsequent years.

(c) The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) under the Ministry of Agriculture has developed a package of technologies for producing pearls in offshore floating rafts and onshore tanks using the ability of the oysters to produce pearls in their body. In order to replenish the natural pearl oyster stocks in the Gulf of Mannar, the CMFRI has launched a sea ranching programme since early 1990's, by introducing larvae' spat of pearl oysters produced in the CMFRI hatchery at Tuticorin.

(d) Question does not arise.

Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises

123. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the target of providing assistance and training to persons during 1995-96 and 1996-97 under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) and the actual achievement thereof; and

(b) the reasons for the shortfall in achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The details of targets and achievements of persons assisted under SUME during 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given as under:-

Year	No. of Beneficiaries assisted to set up micro units.		No. of persons trained/undergoing training	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1995-96	1,16,807	1,25,308	40,042	42,436
1996-97	87,120	1,28,899	29,852	45,587

(b) There is no shortfall in the achievement of targets.

[Translation]

HUDCO Loan to UP

124. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HUDCO has reviewed or propose to review the works started with the loan extended by it in various area in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of loans provided by the HUDCO to the Ghaziabad Development Authority/Bulandshahar-Khurja Development Authority/Greater Noida and Noida and the Uttar Pradesh Housing and Development Board for construction of houses during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Review of schemes financed by HUDCO is a continuous process. Borrowing Agencies are supposed to send quarterly reports in respect of schemes undertaken by them with HUDCO's loan assistance. Drawal of HUDCO loan is linked to physical/financial progress reported by the borrowing agencies. The Regional Office reviews the works started by the different agencies from time to time through interaction with the agencies. The projects are also inspected as per predetermined schedule at the time of sanction of scheme.

(c) The information is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Quantum of loans provided by HUDCO during the last three years to various agencies in Uttar Pradesh

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Agency	Loan Amount sanctioned		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Uttar Pradesh Housing & Development Board.	2110.28	1228.70	1310.74
2.	Ghaziabad Development Authority.	Nil*	Nil*	Nil*